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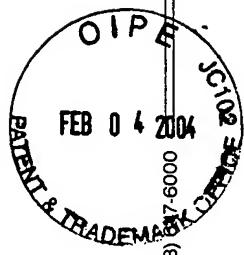
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. BCR-10102/29

Applicant: Herrmann

Serial No.: 10/748,910

Filed: Dec. 24, 2003 (should be Dec. 22, 2003)

For: CUSHION GRIPS FOR SPRAY BOTTLE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.10(d) TO CORRECT THE FILING DATE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that the filing date of December 22, 2003 be given to the above-identified patent application. Attached hereto are copies of the following documents which support that December 22, 2003 is the correct filing date.

1. A copy of the Pickup Service Statement showing Express Mail Label No. EV340745473US, the attorney docket number, and the date and time of pickup of said package.
2. A letter dated January 20, 2004 from Charles Thomas, Jr. of the Ann Arbor, Michigan Post Office indicating that the subject express mail package was picked up on December 22, 2003, and that the entry of December 24, 2003 was, in fact, filled out by a postal clerk at the recipient's Virginia zip code of 20102.
3. A copy of Express Mail Label No. EV340745473US showing the attorney docket number BCR-10102/29, as referenced above.

Under the circumstances, Applicant does not believe any fee is due at this time. However, if there are any fees associated with this Petition, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1180.

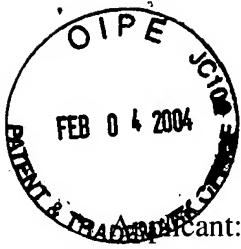
Consideration of this Petition Under 37 CFR §1.10(d) to Correct the Filing Date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 2, 2004

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Remarks <p>This letter is in regards to an Express Mail piece mailed from the the office of Gifford Krass at 101 N. Main Street. This particular mailpiece was Express # EV 340745473 US.</p> <p>The envelope was picked up and signed for by a Letter Carrier on December 22nd, 2003. Under normal circumstances a pick up of this type is scanned in at the Main Post Office in Ann Arbor and the information including the zip code, date, time in and service commitment would be recorded then.</p> <p>If there is a question of the piece not making the regular dispatch it would be forwarded on to have this information recorded further up into the line of travel leading to delivery. As is indicated on the Express Label, this was not done until it reached Virginia at zip code 20102.</p> <p>Understanding that this mail is date sensitive we verify by the signature of the employee that picked up the mail on the 22nd, that this is the date that should be used as the date of mailing and not the date on the label.</p> <p>If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at (734) 662-2009.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this matter.</p>		

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Customer Name

Company Name

Address 1

101 N Main St #800

Address 2

City:

Ann Arbor

State

MI

Zip + 4

48104

3. Payment Method Check made payable to "Postmaster" Merchandise Return Label Express Mail Corporate Account No. or Federal Agency No. Postage Due Account

XL 80300

 Stamps or Metered Postage (Affix at right)**5. Customer Signature**

A. Lanner

PS Form 5541 October 2001

2. Product Information

Quantity

Express Mail.....

2

Global Express Guaranteed.....

Priority Mail.....

Parcel Post.....
(Domestic or International)Estimated total weight
of all packages.....
(In pounds)**4. Affix Stamps or Meter Strip Here (If applicable)**EV340745473US (BCR-10102/09)
EV340745460US (BCR-10202/09)

6. USPS Signature

Gene Lanner 405 pm

7. Date & Time of Pickup

12/22/03

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Customer Copy
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Date in 12/24/03	Mo Day Year Mon 24 Dec	Postage \$	Return Receipt Fee
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